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## Celebrate Admission Day At the State Capitol

-- September 9, 2008

## Admission Day at the State Capitol

Where: California State Capitol Museum, on 10<sup>th</sup> Street between

"L" and "N" Streets, Sacramento

When: Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

11:30 a.m.

Special Events Admission: Free

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STATE CAPITOL— The California State Legislature, California State Parks, and the State Capitol Museum, with support from the California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association, invite the public to celebrate Admission Day on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

The California National Guard Honor Guard will present the colors on the first floor of the Rotunda of the State Capitol to begin the celebration. Immediately following, on the north steps of the State Capitol, 'The Rivertones' will perform patriotic songs and birthday cake and ice cream will be served to celebrate California's 158<sup>th</sup> year of Statehood.

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As part of this special celebration of California's admission to the Union, the State Capitol Museum will showcase four rare Civil War flags from the State Capitol Historic Flag Collection on the second floor rotunda. The California State Capitol is home to a remarkable collection of nearly 50 flags spanning the Civil War, Spanish-American War and the World War I.

Some of the flags on exhibit at the Capitol have only been displayed on the parade ground, while others have accompanied Californians into battle during both the Civil War and World War I. Originally kept in the Adjutant General's Office in the State Capitol, the flag collection was later displayed in the rotunda. Since 1928, the flag collection has had ongoing and extensive conservation efforts to preserve these fragile pieces of California' history and have not been on exhibit in many years.

The historic flag exhibit will be on display from September 9, 2008 to September 19, 2008. There is no cost to the public. Learn more about the historic flag collection at <a href="https://www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov">www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov</a>. Contact Mindy Orosco at <a href="moros@parks.ca.gov">moros@parks.ca.gov</a> or (916) 802-9723 for event questions and information.

## About the California State Capitol Museum

The California State Capitol Museum is operated by California State Parks under contract to and supported by the California State Legislature. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for guided and self-guided tours of the Capitol Building and its extensive outdoor gardens, the Museum is located in the California State Capitol, in downtown Sacramento on 10<sup>th</sup> Street between L and N Streets. For more information, call (916) 324-0333 or visit <a href="www.capitolmuseum.c.gov">www.capitolmuseum.c.gov</a>.

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